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**For:** METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING LINEAR FINITE STATE MACHINES

**Enclosed are:**

- 14 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, and an abstract
- 10 sheet(s) of drawings
- 4 pages of an Oath or Declaration
  - A copy of oath or declaration filed with the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
- An assignment of the invention to: Mentor Graphics Corporation, a Recordation Cover Sheet, and a Recordal fee of \$40.00
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 and copies of documents listed thereon

Continuing Application:

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- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing of this application and recording any assignment filed herewith, or credit over-payment, to Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/346,699, filed January 16, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/957,701, filed September 18, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,539,409 B2, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/620,023, filed July 20, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,353,842 B1, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/167,445, filed November 23, 1999, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.
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